

Infinite Empire

"By definition, the Infinite Empire cannot "fall"."

—A [Rakata monument](#)

The **Infinite Empire**, also known as the **Rakata Empire**, was the first known major [galactic](#) government. The empire was founded and ruled by the [Rakata](#), a scientifically advanced [species](#) that used their knowledge to conquer and [enslave](#) other species throughout the known galaxy, from [Humans](#) to [Sand People](#).

The Infinite Empire was one of the predecessor governments to the [Galactic Republic](#).

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"The Rakata are a pestilence upon the galaxy that, to our shame, we, the Kwa, unleashed."

—[A'nang](#)

Many [years](#) before [36,453 BBY](#), the [Kwa](#)—a [Force-sensitive reptilian species](#) from the [planet Dathomir](#)—arrived on [Lehon](#), the [homeworld](#) of the [Rakata](#) species, via their [Infinity Gate](#) technology that allowed the Kwa to travel instantaneously across [the galaxy](#). As they had done on many worlds before, the Kwa became the Rakata's benefactors, teaching them about [the Force](#) and giving them advanced technology. However, the Kwa were horrified to realize that Rakata were a cannibalistic race that ignored the Kwa teachings of balance, drawing only on the [dark side of the Force](#). Pairing their aggression and desire for conquest with the Kwa technology, the Rakata expanded out from Lehon and began to conquer other worlds in the [Unknown Regions](#).^[4]



The Kwa battle the Rakata.

The Infinite Empire, as the Rakata called themselves, targeted worlds that were rich with the Force, which they conquered and then enslaved the populations of. The Rakata developed technology that allowed them to induce fear and hatred in Force-sensitive beings, and they used the Force-sensitive [slaves](#) among the populations they conquered to fuel their warships and technology by placing them in machines that converted the slaves' dark side emotions into energy.

Desiring the Kwa's Infinity Gate technology, they turned on their benefactors when the Kwa refused—and in the [resultant battle](#) on Lehon, many Kwa [died](#) holding off the Rakatan warriors so that they could destroy the gate on Lehon.^[4]



Infinite Empire

General information

Organization type [Empire^{\[1\]}](#)
Head of government [Over-Predor^{\[2\]}](#)

Societal information

Capital

- [Lehon^{\[1\]}](#)
- [Byss](#) (Deep Core)^[3]

Official language [Rakata^{\[1\]}](#)

Historical information

Date established Well before [36,453 BBY^{\[4\]}](#)
Date dissolved c. [25,200 BBY^{\[5\]}](#)

Other information

Era(s) [Before the Republic^{\[3\]}](#)

^[Source]

However, the Rakata were not to be stopped. Building an enormous [space station](#) known as the [Star Forge](#) over the [star Abo](#) in the [Lehon system](#)—a factory powered by the dark side that produced warships and technology for the Empire—the Rakata spread out over the Unknown Regions and into the western [galaxy](#) by [35,000 BBY](#). The forest world of [Kashyyyk](#) was one world captured by the Empire, and the Rakata installed a [terraforming computer](#) on the planet to manipulate Kashyyyk's [wroshyr trees](#). However, the computer lost contact with the Rakata in [33,598 BBY](#), and [over two hundred years later](#) it malfunctioned, causing a hyper-acceleration in the growth of the wroshyrs.^[1]

Era of conquest [Edit](#)

"Long ago the Rakata ruled all the known galaxy; all species bowed down to us."

—Keeper [Orsaa](#)

By [30,000 BBY](#),^[6] the Infinite Empire had reached its zenith, linking over five hundred^[7] Force-rich worlds all across the galaxy. When the Rakata encountered Dathomir, the homeworld of the Kwa, they brutally subjugated the world^[6] in revenge for the Kwa's destruction of their Infinity Gates across the galaxy,^[4] and as a result the Kwa eventually devolved into the simpleminded [Kwi](#) lizards.^[5] Intrigued by the enormous [rancors](#) native to Dathomir, the Infinite Empire transported a number of them back to Lehon as curiosities, and they also succeeded in driving the [Gree](#)—another spacefaring species at the [time](#)—all the way back to their [home cluster](#).^[6] The Infinite Empire introduced a rancor to the planet [Gamorr](#), where it became a mythological creature in the culture of the native [Gamorreans](#).^[8]

The Infinite Empire turned the planet [Belsavis](#) into a prison world, using stasis technology to entomb monsters, warlords, and other powerful entities.^[9] The first prisoner of Belsavis—and the reason the prison was constructed—was the [World Razer](#), a mysterious being whose hunger supposedly consumed a thousand worlds. According to inscriptions in [the Tomb](#), which was the [Galactic Republic's](#) term for the primary Rakatan prison complex, it took the entire Infinite Empire to subdue the World Razer.^[10]

Around [27,700 BBY](#), the Rakata discovered the planet [Korriban](#) and the [Sith](#) species. The Rakata showed the Sith [king Adas](#) the technology of [holocrons](#), but Adas soon realized the Empire's intentions of conquest and led his people in driving the Rakata off of Korriban.^[11] The Rakata conquered a number of worlds in the region that was later known as the [Core Worlds](#), including the planet [Coruscant](#), which was home to the [Human](#) species. Despite their enslavement by the Rakata, however, the Humans experimented with [sleeper ships](#) around [27,500 BBY](#), seeding a number of planets in the Core Worlds and the [Tion Cluster](#)—many of which were also conquered by the Rakata.^[6]

During the Infinite Empire's reign, the [Esh-kha](#) species began to overrun a number of Rakatan slave worlds, leading the Empire to attack the Esh-kha. One Esh-kha named [Hallow Voice](#) appealed to the Rakata to spare his species, but the Rakata strung out negotiations until they had contained the Esh-kha and then captured Hallow Voice. The Esh-kha were all imprisoned on Belsavis, locked in stasis vaults.^[12] The Rakatan [warlord Soa](#), also known as the Infernal One, was one of the rulers of the Infinite Empire, though he was ultimately imprisoned on Belsavis in what became known as the [Eternity Vault](#).^[13]

Collapse [Edit](#)

The Force-based technology of the Rakata had profound consequences which led to the total collapse of the Infinite Empire. The Star Forge began feeding off its Rakatan masters' aggressive tendencies and created dark side energies that further corrupted its creators. After generations of galactic supremacy and control, the Infinite Empire began to fracture. Huge slave



The fleet of the Infinite Empire

revolts erupted throughout the borders of the Empire along with various factions vying for control. This led to a [civil war](#) throughout Rakatan controlled space. Already weakened by warfare, the Rakata were suddenly struck by a deadly plague in [25,200 BBY](#) (possibly created by one of the slave species) that spread rapidly through their ranks due to their self-crafted genetic uniformity. The virulent disease nearly exterminated the Rakata and brought the Infinite Empire to its knees, but the worst was yet to come.

A mutation in the disease caused the Rakata to lose their connection and power in the Force. As the Force adepts were culled from the overall population, the Rakata lost their ability to manipulate their own advanced technology. The Rakatans were forced to adapt to using inferior technology. With their slave masters thus weakened, the populace of many enslaved worlds rebelled. The Infinite Empire began to collapse as member worlds such as [Korriban](#) began to expel their Rakatan masters. The all-but-destroyed Rakata could do nothing but abandon their conquests and retreat to the safety of their homeworld [Lehon](#).

Rakata of the Infinite Empire.

Various factions on the Rakatan homeworld vied for dominance over what was left of the Empire and so began a devastating civil war that destroyed all the cities and transformed the surface of the planet into chains of islands. The war almost led to the extinction of the Rakatan species and drove most of the surviving Rakata underground where they devolved into primitive tribal groups. Only a faction known as [The Elders](#), who were descended from the priest caste of the Infinite Empire, recalled the true history and subsequent fall of their people. In the following centuries, the defunct Infinite Empire was erased from the records of its former labor forces. It was lost from the pages of galactic history until its rediscovery during the [Jedi Civil War](#), a few thousand years after the Rakatas' alleged extinction.

Culture [Edit](#)

The Empire produced technological innovations such as [terraforming](#) machinery, semi-sentient [Star Maps](#) and computers, and the transmogrifying [Star Forge](#) (built in [30,000 BBY](#)). Among its many crimes were those of aggressive war, [slavery](#) on a massive scale, and the casual obliteration of member worlds such as [Tatooine](#).

Slavery [Edit](#)

As they needed a lot of Force-sensitive beings for fueling their starships and pursue their conquest of the galaxy, the Rakata became a well known practitioners of [slavery](#) which was not only built on it but also dependent on it. They also used a lot of their slaves as a labor force to build their greatest achievements, as for the [Star Forge](#), a massive shipyard that used the energy from stars to fuel itself. Some of the races they used included [Niktos](#), [Duros](#), [Hutts](#), [Humans](#), [Selkath](#) and many more. Eventually, slavery toppled their Empire when their subjects banded together in massive revolts.

The slaves were stripped of their identities and a letter of the [aurebesh](#) alphabet was assigned to each of them, and then tattooed in various places of their bodies in case they were [dismembered](#). Slaves who displeased the Rakata were often eaten by their ruthless masters.

In addition, when a slave particularly strong in the Force was discovered by a Rakatan [Predor](#), the latter could train him as a [Force Hound](#). They would become powerful Dark Side users, trained for the purpose of discovering planets highly attuned to the Force and their inhabitants for their masters.

Astrography [Edit](#)

Due to the limitations of the Rakatan [hyperdrive](#) technology, the Infinite Empire consisted of only 500 worlds, but they were scattered far and wide over the entire length of the Known Galaxy. All the below-mentioned planets have either a large and

lush ecosystem (such as Kashyyyk or Honoghr) or a connection to the Force (like Korriban, Dantooine, or Dathomir), since the Rakatan hyperdrive was only able to home in on planets with these features.

Known member worlds [Edit](#)

- Alzoc^[6]
- Agamar^[6]
- Belkadan^[6]
- Belsavis^[14]
- Borgo Prime^[6]
- Byss^[6]
- Caamas^[6]
- Chalcedon^[6]
- Corellia^[5]
- Corsin^[6]
- Coruscant^[5]
- Dantooine^[15]
- Dathomir^[6]
- Denon^[6]
- Drall^[5]
- Duro^[5]
- Gamorr^[6]
- Generis^[6]
- Hijarna^[6]
- Honoghr^[16]
- Hoth^[14]
- Kaal^[6]
- Kashyyyk^[15]
- Kinyen^[6]
- Kooriva^[6]
- Lehon (capital)^[15]
- Malastare^[6]
- Manaan^[15]
- Maridun^[6]
- Mon Gazza^[6]
- Muunilinst^[6]
- Mygeeto^[6]
- Nanth'ri^[6]
- Nirauan^[6]
- Oaka Prime^[17]
- Onderon^[6]
- Pho Ph'eah^[6]
- Plooma^[6]
- Raxus Prime^[6]
- Rhen Var^[6]
- Rugosa^[6]

Infinite Empire map

- [Salin](#)^[6]
- [Sarafur](#)^[6]
- [Selonia](#)^[5]
- [Seoul 5](#)^[6]
- [Seylott](#)^[6]
- [Sleheyron](#)^[6]
- [Sriluur](#)^[18]
- [Tandun III](#)^[6]
- [Tatooine](#)^[19]
- [Umgul](#)^[6]
- [Vandyne](#)^[6]
- [Varl](#)^[6]
- [Vendaxa](#)^[6]
- [Yag'Dhul](#)^[19]
- [Xo](#)^[6]
- [Yavin](#)^[6]
- [Zygerria](#)^[6]

Behind the scenes [Edit](#)

In *Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic* it is made explicit by the guardian droid of [Dantooine](#) the main language of humans, Galactic Basic, wasn't spoken, and neither did Humans number among the slave species. However, Humans are still found in other points to be Rakatan slaves. Also, in *Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic II: The Sith Lords*, the [Clan Ordo](#) flag symbol on [Dxun](#) curiously resembles that of the Infinite Empire and the [Star Forge](#).

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